



## **gripSTIK® Vinyl Drywall 1/2" L-Tear Strip**

### **Installation Recommendations**

Phillips recommends installation in accordance with applicable ASTM standards and using prevalent industry standards.

### **General Installation Guidelines**

Phillips gripSTIK® vinyl 1/2" L-Tear Strip can be installed using a variety of methods. The methods listed below are guidelines. Phillips recommends Method 2 as the spray adhesive provides extra bond and eases installation. Some vinyl products require more detailed installation instructions than are listed here.

#### **Method 1: Stapling**

1. For L-Tear Strip, drywall does not need to be set back. 1/2" L-Tear Strip is designed for use with 1/2" drywall. Other sizes available.
2. For doors, windows or special lengths, cut the trim to length and dry fit.
  - a) Prevent overlap of the mud flanges by snipping back.
  - b) Dry fit the trim.
3. Staple mud flange every 6-10" with 1/2" crown staples.
4. No primer is needed.
5. Once joint compound is applied, finished and painted, the tear-off strip is removed to form a clean, crisp edge.
6. For cold weather winter applications, please refer to the installation recommendations in the Gypsum Association GA-220-06 of 40°F or warmer.

#### **Method 2: Spray Adhesive (gripSTIK® Spray Adhesive Recommended)**

1. Follow steps 1 and 2 above.
2. Put a coat of spray adhesive on the back of the trim and then on the drywall.
  - a) Immediately apply trim to drywall and position in place.
  - b) If the adhesive dries too long, it will be hard to reposition.
  - c) At some point the adhesive will lose tackiness and will not bond. If this happens, reapply adhesive to both surfaces.
3. The rate at which the adhesive dries varies depending on heat and humidity. Test in your conditions.
4. Use handle of your taping knife or installation tool to apply pressure along the mud flange. Bond strength is greatly enhanced with this crucial step.
5. Staple mud flange to assist bonding between bead and wallboard with 1/2" crown staples.
6. Pressure the mud flanges again (see step 4).
7. No primer is needed.
8. Once joint compound is applied, finished and painted, the tear-off strip is removed to form a clean, crisp edge.
9. For cold weather winter applications, please refer to the installation recommendations in the Gypsum Association GA-220-06 of 50°F or warmer.

### **With Phillips gripSTIK® vinyl beads and trims:**

- No mud additives needed
- No primer needed

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